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SUBJ: PDRY AT THE CROSSROADS?

REF: SANA 4462

SUMMARY: JOINT NORTH AND SOUTH YEMENI DELGATION WILL
VISIT YAE, KUWAIT, QATAR AND IRAQ TO DISCUSS ADVERSE
IMPACT OF HIGHER OIL PRICES AND SEEK AID TO OFFSET
INCREASES. IN JOINING THIS TYPE OF DELEGATION, WHICH
UNPRECEDENTED, YAR IS ACCOMODATING STRONG DESIRE
ON PART OF IMPROVERISHED PDRY AND EXPANDING AREA OF
ACCOMODATION WITH RADICAL SOUTHERN REGIME,
ULTIMATE AIM IS TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES WHICH WILL
WORK OVER TIME TO MODERATE SOUTHERNERS.

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1. ON 12 FEBRUARY AHMED ABDO SA'ID DISCUSSED WITH
AMBASSADOR AND DCM ANNOUNCEMENT IN AL THAWRA ON 10
FEBRUARY THAT NORTH AND SOUTH YEMEN WILL SEND A
JOINT DELEGATION TO FOUR COUNTRIES (UAE, KUWAIT,
QATAR AND IRAQ) TO DISCUSS IMPACT OF HIGH OIL PRICES.
DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY SA'ID FOR YAR AND ABD AL AZIZ
ABD AL WALI FOR PDRY, WHICH MEANS MINISTERIAL LEVEL.

2. SA'ID SAID THAT YAR WAS REPONDING TO STRONG PRESSURE FROM PDRY TO JOIN THIS DELEGATION, WHICH IS UNPRECEDENTED. PDRY IS OF COURSE ACTUALLY LOOKING FOR MORE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE OF SORT THAT HAS BEEN CASCADING IN ON YAR, AND CLEARLY FEEL THEY STILL DON'T HAVE RESPECTABILITY AND BONA FIDES TO GO AFTER IT THEMSELVES. SA'ID NOTED THAT IN PART YAR DID EVERYTHING TO AVOID HELPING PDRY TO GET HARD CURRENCY FUNDING, BUT HAD RECENTLY EMBARKED ON NEW TACT, AS WITNESSED BY TRADE AND OTHER LINKS WHICH HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED. (SEE REFTTEL, FOR PRESENT STATUS OF ADEN PORT USE, SEE SEPTTEL).

COMMENT: SA'ID WAS UNACCOUNTABLY BASHFUL IN AVOIDING ANY REFERENCE TO YAR EFFORTS TO GET MORE FUNDING BUT MOST IMPORTANT POINT REMAINS YEMENI WILLINGNESS-- AFTER YEARS OF HOSTILITY WITH SOUTH--TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH SAUDI EFFORTS TO PROVIDE NEW FOREIGN POLICY AND FINANCIAL ALTERNATIVES TO RADICALS, INFLUENCE COURSE OF EVENTS IN SOUTH WHICH IS CLEARLY WEIGHING WHETHER CAUSE OF REVOLUTION SHOULD CONTINUE HAVE PRECEDENCE OVER CAUSE OF PROSPERITY. IT'S NO RPT NO QUIRK OF AIRLINE SCHEDULES THAT MISSION WILL SKIP OMAN AND SAUDI ARABIA, AND WE WILL BE SURPRISED IF TEAM DOES VERY WELL ELSEWHERE. WE SEE DEVELOPMENT AS USEFUL, PROVIDING A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR PDRY DIPLOMACY OUTSIDE OF SOVIET SPHERE AND NEW PREMIUM FOR PDRY GOOD BEHAVIOUR.

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